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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, WA, SF

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: STEYN'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. STEYN'S PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH VORSTER ON AUGUST 11, (PRETORIA 4675) WAS NOTABLY FLEXIBLE ON THE CURRENT POLITICAL ISSUES. HIS REMARK THAT HE HAD AN "LPEN MIND" ON THE INDEPENDENCE DATE SUGGESTS THAT THE SAG IS PREPARED TO GIVE WAY ON THIS QUESTION. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT EXPRESS EQUAL FLEXIBILITY ON THE ELECTION DATE AND REGISTRATION ISSUES, HE INDICATED A COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION ON THESE ISSUES THAT WOULD BE "ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE."

2. STEYN'S APPEAL TO NUJOMA AND AHTISAARI FOR A CEASEFIRE
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WAS PITCHED ON A HIGH PLANE AND VERY LIKELY REFLECTS A SAG STRATEGY OF ACTIVELY SEEKING A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE IN THE CURRENT PERIOD BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL GIVES FINAL APPROVAL TO THE PROPOSAL. THE SAG NATURALLY FAVORS A CEASEFIRE FOR POLITICAL AND MILITARY REASONS. AT THE SAME TIME SWAPO'S ADHERENCE TO A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE SAG TO STONEWALL ON THE POLITICAL ISSUES AND HOLD UP

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL.
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